

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

This preliminary amendment is being filed in order to improve the form of the above referenced application. In accordance with the foregoing, a substitute specification, replacement drawings and a new abstract are included in this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 1-28 have been amended. Claims 29-30 have been newly added. No new matter is included in this amendment.

CONCLUSION:

There being no outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

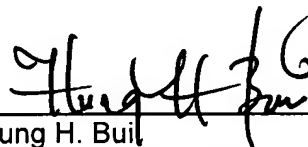
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please include the attached replacement FIGs. 1A-1B, FIG. 2, FIGS. 3A-3B, FIGS. 4A-4B, FIGS. 5A-5B, FIG. 6 and FIG. 7 in the application. Changes to the various figures relative to PCT application are as follows: all of the sheets have been revised to remove the PCT markings.